

# Alaska Local and Regional Information

## Workforce Info

### Sitka

Sitka is a unified home rule municipality located on the west coast of Baranof Island. It fronts the Pacific Ocean on Sitka Sound, about 95 air miles southwest of Juneau. Sitka is part of the Sitka City and Borough.

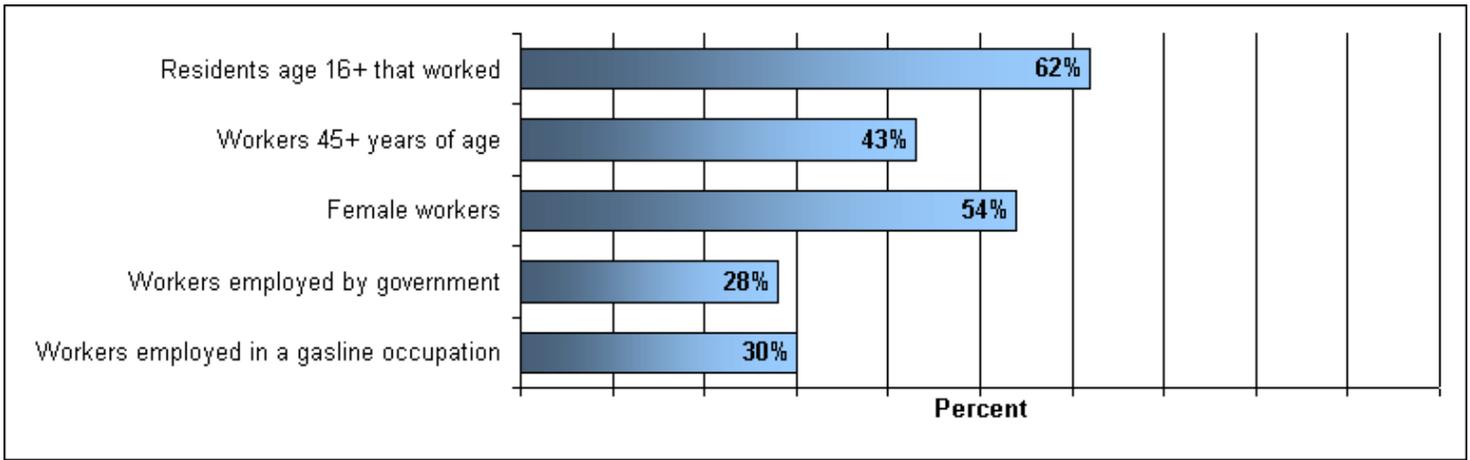
- ◆ The estimated population for 2008 was 8,615, a loss of about 220 since the 2000 Census.
- ◆ About 62 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ◆ Educational and Health Services was the main industry in 2008, employing 20 percent of the area's workers.
- ◆ More workers were employed as Retail Salespersons than any other occupation.

Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Sitka Resident Snapshot (2008)			
Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	6,189	Total wages	\$117,308,180
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	3,842	Private	2,766
Male	1,775	State government	363
Female	2,061	Local government	713
Age 45+	1,649	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	1,210	Peak (2nd) quarter workers	3,442
		Percent working all 4 quarters	69.8%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	417	Some construction	535
		At least 1 year construction	319
		At least 2 years construction	209
New Hires		Worked in an <b>AGIA</b> occupation	2,383
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## 2008 Residents

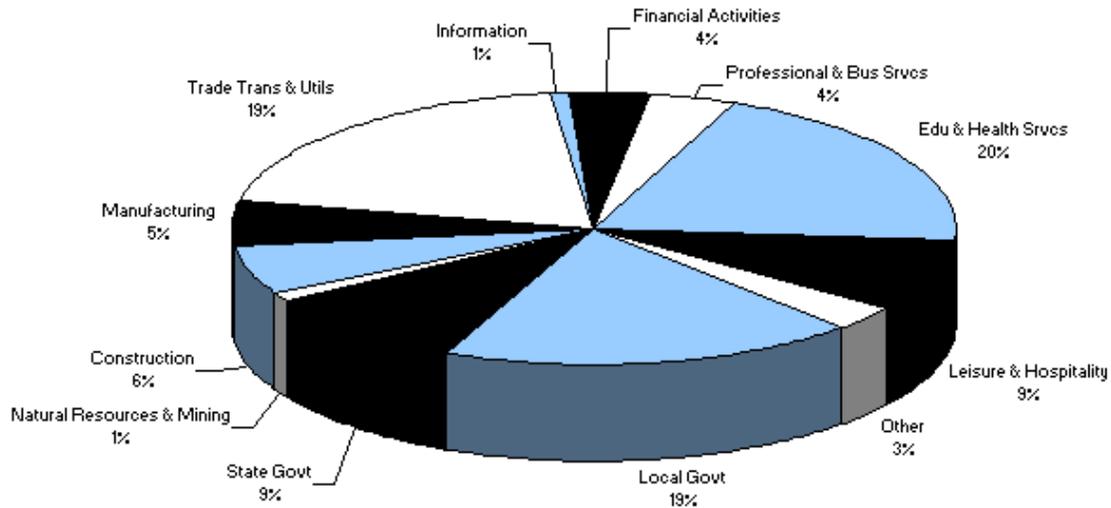


### Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Retail Salespersons	205	71.6%	63	50
Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	97	20.8%	53	43
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners <b>AGIA</b>	95	43.6%	58	42
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	85	80.0%	29	23
Registered Nurses <b>HOT JOB</b>	81	90.1%	52	43
Cashiers	71	71.8%	13	11
Construction Laborers <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	70	5.7%	16	12
Tour Guides and Escorts	63	49.2%	19	18
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	61	95.1%	26	22
Waiters and Waitresses	60	71.7%	9	5
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	58	69.0%	10	6
Office Clerks, General <b>AGIA</b>	56	89.1%	27	19
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	56	53.6%	21	14
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General <b>AGIA</b>	55	3.6%	31	25
Carpenters <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	52	0.0%	13	9
Teachers and Instructors, All Other	51	80.4%	25	19
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners <b>AGIA</b>	51	88.0%	27	20
Teacher Assistants	50	80.0%	19	11
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other <b>AGIA</b>	47	74.5%	22	17
Social Workers, All Other	47	66.0%	23	17

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## Resident Workers by Industry



### Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	46	21.7%	19	15
Construction	219	6.4%	66	48
Manufacturing	201	23.0%	106	81
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	760	49.5%	257	183
Information	39	46.2%	19	14
Financial Activities	139	66.9%	50	37
Professional and Business Services	147	56.2%	69	52
Educational and Health Services	765	69.2%	367	273
Leisure and Hospitality	332	63.4%	90	62
State Government	363	55.1%	198	150
Local Government	713	60.2%	357	259
Other	117	47.0%	50	35
Unknown	*	*	*	*

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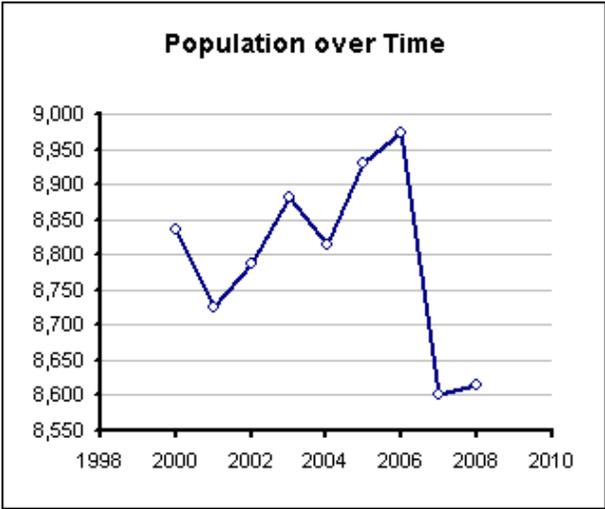
### Recent Unemployment Statistics

	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	172	216	258	290

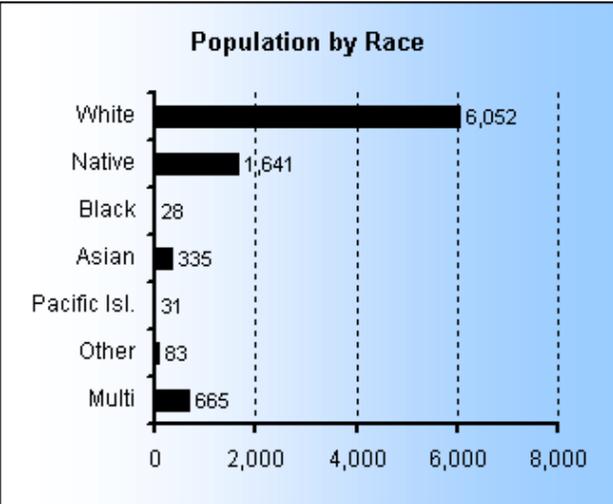
\*\*UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

**Top Employers** (ranked by number of workers)

Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium
Sitka Boro School Dist
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Sitka City & Borough Of
Sitka Community Hospital
Sitka Tribe of Alaska
Hames Corporation
University of AK
Westmark Hotels Inc
North Pacific Seafoods Inc



2000 Census	
Median Age	35.2
Average Family Size	3.2
Average Household Size	2.6
Per Capita Income	\$23,622
Median Family Income	\$62,361
Median Household Income	\$51,901



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section  
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